

FROM THE FIELD.

Miami Valley Items.

Last Sunday Dec. 30th, was my regular preaching day at Miamisburg. We have always been in the habit of having meeting morning and evening; but on this day we were compelled to omit our evening services.

On Saturday morning I received the sad intelligence of the death of the infant babe of brother and sister V. E. Wampler of this neighborhood. As the funeral was to be preached in the afternoon of Sunday and so would prevent my return to Miamisburg.

The little babe was not permitted to remain with us long. On Dec. 5th, our little Helen first came to fill the home with the sunshine of her innocence. But alas on the 29th, before the old year had departed the shadows fell, and the little one was taken, God plucked the little bud and now it decorates the window sill of heaven.

Weep not for her who is not lost, but only dearer. Yes heaven will have a greater charm and an added brightness when our loved ones are there. While you have not a little babe, you have a greater treasure—a little angel. May God bless us, and help us so we can live to see, meet our loved ones where all will be joy—a never-ending joy in our Father's home.

The funeral was preached at the home of the mourning parents, five miles north of Dayton. The remains were laid to rest in the grave yard of what is known as the "Peter Nead church."

Fortunately it rained Sunday night so that the disappointment would not have been so great.

On next Saturday we start on our Indiana tour. The "we" here is not a mere editorial we, but an actual fact that it includes the whole family. Wife and children will visit among relatives in the neighborhood of Logansport, and Peru, Ind.

Then after our meetings at Nappanee, we hope to visit the Brethren at Milford for a day or so at least. Then we would like to hold a few meetings for the few members at Mexico.

Mexico is near the early home of my wife. Here she is well known, and old friends of her earlier life are anxious that we shall come among them. In answer to an urgent call to visit and preach for them, we promised, if possible, to be on hand last fall. Circumstances were such we could not go.

But now as we are going out to Nappanee, we decided to shut up house, and go out there for, at least, four weeks. We hear, however, that somewhere about this time Bro. Bashor expects to be there to hold meetings. Now it would be entirely unnecessary for both of us to be at this one place at the same time. So after spending a day or so with our brother Bashor, and enjoying the pleasure of hearing and visiting him, I will look around for some new place, if I cannot find an old one convenient, where I may be able to do some little good, even if it be but very little.

It may be possible however, that I may be able to visit the few members of Mexico, and preach for them a week or so, either before brother Bashor begins, and thus prepare the way

for him, or probably wait until he is through to gather in the sheaves from the seed that may have scattered beyond his reach.

Last week's EVANGELIST was truly refreshing. Especially did I rejoice over the good news Bro. Jacobs had to tell us. Bro. Jacobs is among the first of my acquaintances in the Brethren church. We commenced our friendship long ago, while he was on a missionary tour to Belmont county, where I then lived. I had served the Homer church before it had materialized into the activity and members that now enables it to take its place amongst the most active congregations of the brotherhood.

We are well acquainted with all the members of this church, and I number them among my friends. I can so well remember the terrible fight we had to get justice during the dark days of the division, and eventually compel the old church to give us our right, and thus obtained the control of the neat little meeting house they now occupy. Had it not been for the stick-to-it-iveness some of the few original members displayed in those days, there would hardly be a possibility of such a prosperous church as there is there now. I am proud of the part I took in those early days when the courage and Christianity of a man was tried to the utmost.

God bless Bro. Jacobs and the Homer church, and may they long continue to succeed and prosper in the noble cause.

There are a few things that Bro. Jacobs says in his article that ought to be well received. He says "The man that can preach the Gospel to a church five or ten years and hold his own, and still gather to the flock is God's nobleman. Give me the man that does not wear out in a year or two," etc., etc. The more of that kind of men a church has, the better she will prosper.

Bro. Beer's "Pacifics" are just as they have always been, only this time a little more so—pacific, interesting and encouraging—especially the dream, and I trust it will be literally fulfilled in time.

During my absence in Indiana I will have to depend upon some of our good brethren to fill my appointments at Little York, Miamisburg and probably Pleasant Hill.

Bro. Kiehl will no doubt fill my appointment at Miamisburg on the 13th, and our Bro. Garber if not engaged elsewhere on the 27th. The Little York and probably the Pleasant Hill congregation are not yet provided for. But I have no fears but what all will come out all right.

Wishing all our brethren, sisters, friends and even the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, A Happy, very Happy New Year, I remain as ever to all your brother and servant in the Lord.

EDWARD MASON.

P. S. All my correspondents will please address me after the 10th of January at Nappanee, Ind., care of P. A. Early. They will please do this until further information.

Galesburg, Kansas.

Myself and daughter left Ft. Scott, Kansas, on Dec. 19th, for this place, to attend the lovefeast at or near Bro. David Clum's in

Neosho Co., Kan. We had a very pleasant trip on the cars, though we nearly missed connection at one station; but the conductor saw us coming and kindly waited until we got aboard. The last change of cars, and now for Galesburg and the lovefeast, and behold, nearly the first person we met was sister Pearl Clum, who welcomed us with a sister's kindness, and who started for home on her pony in true western style, to send the carriage to meet us, and when we arrived at Bro. Clum's, the whole family gave us the hand of welcome, and we enjoyed ourselves very much while in their company. We found them to be good workers in the church.

When we got to the place of worship, who should we meet but Bro. A. J. Hixon, the wheel-horse of Progression in Kansas; also Bro. Enslow, of Douglass Co., Kan., and all of the good brethren and sisters. Our meeting on Friday evening was a social or prayer meeting, and we feel safe in saying that the members of this church are the most earnest workers we have ever met with in Kansas.

On Friday evening Bro. Hixson extended an invitation for members, when our daughter, Hattie Watson, came forward for membership and was baptized on Saturday after services, by Bro. Hixson. Bro. Charles Hixson and wife and sister Annie Hixson came up on the Saturday evening train from Parsons, Kan., and were with us until Sunday evening. Our communion was carried out according to the word of God, and was a feast of love indeed. We cannot see anything to hinder the brethren and sisters at Galesburg from having a large strong church some day, as they are all workers for God.

We preached on Sunday evening to a good congregation on the "Three Heavens," then we went home with Bro. George Perry and wife, who treated us very kindly and helped us a little in the way of the pocket book, then he and wife kindly took us to the station at Osage, Mo., which is nearly twelve miles from their house, which kindness was appreciated by us. May they long live to help us servants of God on our way.

We arrived at the station in due time, but found the train over one hour behind time. When the train came we bade Bro. and sister Perry good by and started for Ft. Scott, which is forty miles east. We passed through some as fine country as we ever saw. There is certainly a great opportunity here in Kansas for cheap homes.

If any of the brethren wish to correspond with me, address me at Ft. Scott, Kan., 306 Little St.

M. D. WATSON,

Ashland, Ohio.

We closed our protracted meeting at Downsview, Md., Dec. 29th, with four additions. Bro. Shaver and I did the preaching. We believe we would have done much better had it not been for various interferences. Debating societies, singing schools, Christmas trees and treats, etc., interfered about four nights each week. Opposition of parent kept two out of the church, that wanted to come. I closed my work in Md., the 30th of Dec. Will give a short account of my work in the near

future. I am now located at Ashland College. All that desire to write to me please remember that my address is no longer College of St. James, Md., but Ashland, Ohio. I am pleased with Ashland University. The outlook is promising. All here seem to be working for the interest of the University and not for their own selfish interests. Many have made wonderful sacrifices, paid money out of their own pockets and worked for nothing part of the time besides.

Oh how I wish those "who criticize" would just do one-fourth as much for the University as those have that they have been finding fault with and the College would soon be free of debt. I hope and pray that all will become interested in the affairs of the College and all pull together and we can very soon have one of the best schools in the State of Ohio.

I have no ax to grind, no financial interest in the College, but have a warm heart for the school because it is predestined to do our church an untold amount of good. I know it is best for us to work and sustain Ashland University.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Campbell, Michigan.

We met in council Dec. 25th, being our regular meeting. Almost a full representation of members was present. A number of suggestions were adopted, by which we think the church will be benefited. We re-elected Bro. Noah Henry to the office of clerk, and Bro. Wallace Darby as treasurer. All passed off in love and harmony. Closed the meeting at 4 o'clock, to meet again at seven to listen to a very able discourse by our esteemed Bro. Kilheiner, who is with us at the present holding out the word of life to sinners. We hope and pray that his labors may be crowned with success and that there may be a grand ingathering of souls from the fields of sin.

GEORGE CLUM.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.—We want to say to all the brethren everywhere not to get discouraged, for Christian progression is a fact, for God designed that man and woman should go unto perfection, and what God has decreed, man cannot stop. Let us do all we can for the College and our church paper, for both of them are great helps to our denomination. We want to say to Bro. J. B. Lair that the time has come for the investigation of the covenants that God made to Abraham and the church. Paul says that Christ is the seed and he will come and take possession of the earth and reign until he puts all enemies under his feet, for he is King of kings and Lord of lords. His temple shall be built, and he and his saints shall take possession of the kingdom for the voice of the seventh trumpet declared that the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever, or to the age of ages. Yes, let it come, Bro. Lair, for the time is at hand, for we are sure that in the latter end the wise shall know the truth.—M. D. Watson.

The Brethren Annual.

Every family of the Brethren church should secure a copy of the Annual. It is a first rate Calendar and contains such church news as every one desires to know. It is worth ten cents to any one concerned in the work. It contains a small, but accurate portrait of Elder S. C. Stump, a pioneer progressive, that many will want to see. Price ten cents each, by mail, or \$1.00 per dozen. BRETHREN PUB. HOUSE.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. J. M. Tombaugh has returned to Ashland, and has taken hold of the college work in great earnestness and with promising prospects.

We are informed that the church at St. James, Md., has called Bro. E. B. Shaver, and he is expected to commence his service about April 1st. At present Bro. Joshua Long is preaching.

Correction.—In EVANGELIST No. 52, I notice an item stating that Bro. Wise will resume his work in the East after April 1, will say there has been no such arrangements made by me. I may go farther west before returning East.—H. Wise, Waterloo, Iowa.

Bro. D. J. Bole has asked us and brethren ministers, who may pass through Pittsburg, Pa., to stop and visit him and preach. He believes a place can be secured, with good congregations, and says the harvest is ripe in the city. His address is No. 249, 38 st.

Our church here is moving along slow but sure. We have a prayer meeting every Wednesday night and a glorious time we have. Blessed be the name of God we have lived to see a dead formal worship give way to a spiritual one.—B. H. Flora, Flora, Ind.

Bro. B. H. Flora sends us a splendid list of new names for the paper. And we are much pleased to know that all is well in the church where he resides and that he intends to return to Ashland again. He was one of the most devoted student when here and he is heartily welcomed back.

Brethren John and B. F. Hart, of the Homer church, called on us last week. They reported all well in the Homer church and that on the 3rd, the sisters society of the church held an enjoyable meeting. Bro. Jacobs expects to commence a protracted meeting soon.

Bro. I. D. Bowman arrived from Maryland on New Years day. He commenced 1889 in Ashland and we bespeak for him a memorable and profitable year. He has since been busy getting ready to live and apply himself to the studies he has taken up. May the Lord bless him for the sacrifice he is making for gospel religion.

Having held a revival meeting at this place which closed on the 23rd with a communion service, I can truly say we had a pleasant time together as brethren and sisters. Especially so while hearing the word expounded in its primitive power and simplicity by our much esteemed Bro. J. B. Wampler, who, in coming here, found many unruly and vain talkers whose mouths must be stopped—not by physical force, but by sound argument and conclusive reasoning—by the power of truth. I am glad to say his coming had the desired effect to a very great extent, for he wielded the sword of truth as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Josiah Brindle.

A correspondent writes that the Falls City, Neb., Church observed Thanksgiving in royal style. They had dinner at the church, a sermon by Bro. Yoder, and a business meeting in the afternoon. Two made the good confession of faith the same day and were baptized by Bro. L. Messler.

The church has raised over one hundred dollars for the Home Mission. Sisters B. F. Slagel, Susan Judy, Annie Shafer, Ella Saylor and F. Maust were the solicitors appointed by the church, and they proved a success. Bro. Yoder preached his farewell sermon at the Falls City church on the last Sunday of the year, having served the church as its pastor for two years. The committee appointed to secure (Concluded on last page.)